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SUBJECT: NEUTRALITY TREATY-RESERVATIONS AND UNDERSTANDINGS

FOR AMBASSADOR JORDEN AND MOSS

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE GENERAL SUBSTANCE OF THE UNDER-
STANDINGS AND RESERVATIONS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS
PREPARED TO ACCEPT.

A. RESERVATION (NUNN ET AL). DEFENSE AGREEMENT AFTER 2000.

B. RESERVATION (CHAFEE ET AL). DETERMINATION OF NEED
OR EMERGENCY TO BE MADE BY NATION OPERATING VESSEL
TRANSITING CANAL.

C. RESERVATION (RANDOLPH ET AL). BATTLE MONUMENTS
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D. UNDERSTANDING (SPARKMAN). ALL AMENDMENTS, ETC. TO BE
INCLUDED IN INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION.

E. UNDERSTANDING (BROOKE). TREATY DOES NOT OBLIGATE US
TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC OR MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

2. IN ADDITION, WE ARE TRYING TO WORK OUT ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE ON THE FOLLOWING. WILL PROVIDE LANGUAGE AS SOON AS WE ARE IN A POSITION DO SO.

A. HAYAKAWA. UNDER ARTICLE IV EITHER PARTY MAY TAKE UNILAT:RAL ACTION TO DEFEND THE CANAL. COMMENT: THIS IS CLEARLY REDUNDANT, AND WE ARE TRYING TO TALK HAYAKAWA OUT OF IT.

B. HEINZ. UNLESS REVENUES EXCEED EXPENSES, REVENUES SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR MAINTENANCE UNDER ARTICLE III. COMMENT: WE ARE SEEKING CHANGE TO PROTECT OTHER PAYMENTS TO PANAMA DURING LIFE OF CANAL TREATY.

C. BROOKE. RECOUP ANY SURPLUS FROM FIRST 3-YEAR ARRANGEMENT FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES. COMMENT: WE ARE TRYING TO HAVE BROOKE DROP THIS UNDERSTANDING.

D. BROOKE. ASSURE NO PAYMENT OF \$10 MILLION CONTINGENCY AFTER 2000. COMMENT: NOT YET DRAFTED. WE WILL ACCEPT IF NECESSARY.

E. DECONCINI. RIGHTS OF PARTIES IF CANAL CLOSED. COMMENT: THIS LOOKS INEVITABLE, BUT WE BELIEVE LANGUAGE IS NOW ACCEPTABLE. WE ARE SEEKING TO MINIMIZE DAMAGE FROM ACCOMPANYING FLOOR SPEECHES. VANCE
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